

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, 13-16, 18-20, and 22-25 are amended and claim 28 is added. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In the event that a personal interview has not been conducted by the time the Examiner considers this Amendment, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned to schedule and conduct a personal interview.

Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 10-12, 15-17, 20, 21 and 24-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over WO 97/10668 (hereinafter "WO'668"); and claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 13, 14, 18, 19, 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over WO'668 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,574,670 to Eguchi. For at least the following reasons, the rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicant respectfully submits that WO'668 fails to disclose or suggest all the features of each of amended independent claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 20 and 25, as well as all the features of new independent claim 28.

With regard to amended independent claims 1 and 11, Applicant submits that WO'668 fails to disclose or suggest a communication apparatus including, *inter alia*, a setting device for selectively setting one of an attaching transmission information setting or a not-attaching transmission information setting for the address information.

With regard to amended independent claim 6, Applicant submits that WO'668 fails to disclose or suggest a communication apparatus including, *inter alia*, an address inputting device for inputting an address information of the receiver, the address information being at least one of an actual address of the receiver or an abbreviated version of the actual address of the receiver, and a transmission information attaching device that selectively attaches the transmission information to the image information to be transmitted to the actual address of the receiver.

With regard to amended independent claim 16, Applicant submits that WO'668 fails to disclose or suggest a communication apparatus including, *inter alia*, a setting device for setting, based on the address information, one of an attaching transmission information setting for attaching the transmission information to the image information or a not-attaching transmission information setting for not attaching the transmission information to the image information, and a changing device for one of changing or maintaining a current setting of one of the attaching transmission information setting or the not attaching transmission information setting of the setting device for the address information.

With regard to amended independent claim 20, Applicant submits that WO'668 fails to disclose or suggest a communication apparatus including, *inter alia*, a storage device that stores at least one portion of the receiver's address information input by the address inputting device and one of an attaching transmission information setting or a non-attaching transmission information setting for the receiver's address.

With regard to amended independent claim 25, Applicant submits that WO'668 fails to disclose or suggest a communication apparatus including, *inter alia*, an inputting device for inputting address information of the receiver and for selecting one of an attaching transmission information setting or a not-attaching transmission information setting for the address information, wherein the transmission information attaching device selectively determines to attach or to not attach the transmission information to the image information based on the selected one of the attaching transmission information setting or the not attaching transmission information setting for the address information.

Therefore, for at least these reasons, Applicant submits that WO'668 alone, or in combination with Eguchi, fails to disclose or suggest all the features of claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 20 and 25, as well as all the features of claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15, 17-19, 21-24, 26 and 27, which depend from claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 20 and 25, respectively. It is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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